



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1638**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

LI *et al.*

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For: ***Thlaspi caerulescens* Subspecies  
for Cadmium and Zinc Recovery**

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **September 23, 2003** (file wrapper paper no. 12),  
Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by  
presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this

application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.